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FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF AID FOR EGYPT:

1. CONGRESS HAS PASSED AUTHORIZATION BILL PROVIDING FULL \$250 MILLION AID FOR EGYPT AS PROPOSED BY ADMINISTRATION, BUT INSUFFICIENT TIME REMAINED DURING THIS SESSION TO COMPLETE ACTION ON APPROPRIATIONS BILL. CONGRESS HAS ALSO PASSED A CONTINUING RESOLUTION APPROPRIATIONS BILL WHICH INCLUDES \$150 MILLION FOR EGYPT THROUGH FEB 28, 1975. IT IS HOPED THAT THE NEW CONGRESS WILL PASS THE FULL APPROPRIATIONS BILL EARLY IN THE COMING SESSION, AND THE ADMINISTRATION WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE FULL \$250 MILLION FOR EGYPT IN FY-75.

2. IN DISCUSSING THE ABOVE YOU SHOULD ASSURE THAT FAHMY AND SADAT UNDERSTAND THAT THE FULL DOLS 250 MILLION HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED AND THAT THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION OF DOLS 150 MILLION DOES NOT REPEAT NOT REPRESENT FINAL ACTION BY THE CONGRESS FOR THE FULL FISCAL YEAR. THE

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SAME APPLIES TO OTHER PARTS OF MIDDLE EAST PACKAGE WHERE

ONLY PART OF ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED
UNDER CONTINUING RESOLUTION FOR PERIOD UNTIL FEB 28
(ALSO \$150 MILLION IN CASE OF ISRAEL).

3. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS EARLY IN WEEK WITH PROPOSALS WE WOULD
DISCUSS WITH EGYPTIANS ON USE OF \$150 MILLION AND ON
PUBLIC HANDLING IN EGYPT OF AID BILL. SISCO

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